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U.S. Reporters Accused of Spying in Sweden

Soviet Writer Says CIA Used AP Bureau for Espionage; Story Branded as False

MOSCOW (AP) — Izvestia it became clear to me that published Wednesday an article by a writer identified as busy with intelligence activities in Sweden," he said. "It is a staff writer for the Associated Press and a former employee of the news service of the agency Association of conducting espionage operations several years ago. American representatives in Stockholm."

The writer, Arthur Haman, said he was a former AP employee in Stockholm who has come recently to the Soviet Union. He said he had been threatened by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency while he was in the United States seeking a professorship, not identified.

"Remembering many facts

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worked in Stockholm and later in Moscow. Reedy is now assigned to the AP's London bureau.

Haman said he had been told that "Reedy made a proposal to Svensson to co-operate secretly with him." He said the plan was to invite officials to visit Reedy's home where two employees of the U.S. Embassy could make contacts.

Completely Untrue

"It was supposed that acquaintances of Svensson would be drawn by the Americans into wild parties" and their conversations recorded," Haman said. He asserted "according to rumors, Reedy had the rank of major in the American Army."

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story run by Izvestia is completely untrue and that Haman's account seemed to be the product of an over-ripe imagination fed by an addiction to detective thrillers.

"Neither the Associated Press nor its employees have any connection with any department of the U. S. government," he said.

"As far as can be ascertained, Arthur Haman

worked briefly as a teleprinter operator for the Associated Press in 1957. Thomas Reedy at the time was chief of bureau, concerned solely with the gathering of news in Scandinavia. He has not been in Stockholm since March, 1960. Gus Svensson, who was a Swedish employee

of the Associated Press, left in October of 1960 to take up his post in New York the other employment."